**Donald J. Toney** 4164 Summer Duck Way Kiawah Island, SC 29455 October 19, 2011

Public Service Commission of South Carolina John E. "Butch" Howard, Chairman District 1 Commissioners & Members 101 Executive Center Dr. Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

Dear Mr. Howard:

I already think rates are too high, especially compared to what we pay at our primary residence in Charlotte. 39% is a big increase. Please justify how this much is reasonable.

The timing of this rate increase seems strange – just before the attempt to sell this utility. Please explain this.

Sincerely,

Donald J, Toney

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